

Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 04-09-19

Issued at: Glennallen, Alaska
September 16, 2019

Effective Date: 12:00 a.m.
Saturday, September 21, 2019

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m.
June 30, 2020 unless
superseded by subsequent
emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order extends the season for all state Nelchina caribou hunts in Game Management Unit 13 (i.e., YC495, RC561, RC562, CC001, and DC485) to add additional opportunity from September 21st until September 30th, 2019 at 11:59 pm. The bag limit for all hunts remains one caribou. This emergency order does not affect any other hunting regulation in Unit 13.

REGULATION:

Therefore, the provisions of **5AAC 85.025 (a) (8), Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits for Caribou**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective:

Units and Bag Limits (8)	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
Unit 13		
1 caribou per harvest report per regulatory year by community harvest permit only; up to 400 caribou may be taken; or	<u>Aug. 10–Sept. 30</u> (Subsistence Hunt only) Oct. 21–March 31 (Subsistence Hunt only)	No open season
1 caribou every regulatory year by Tier I subsistence permit only; or	Aug. 10–Aug. 31 (Subsistence Hunt only) <u>Sept. 21–Sept. 30</u> Oct. 21–March 31 (Subsistence Hunt only)	No open season

1 caribou every regulatory year by Tier I subsistence permit only; or	<u>Sept. 1–Sept. 30</u> (Subsistence Hunt only) Oct. 21–Mar. 31 (Subsistence Hunt only)	No open season
1 caribou every regulatory year by youth hunt drawing permit; up to 200 permits may be issued; or	Aug. 1–Aug. 5 <u>Sept. 21–Sept. 30</u>	No open season
1 caribou every regulatory year by drawing permit; up to 5,000 permits may be issued	<u>Aug. 20–Sept. 30</u> Oct. 21–March 31	No open season
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All other caribou hunting regulations remain unchanged and are not affected by this emergency order.

Doug Vincent-Lang
Commissioner

By delegation to:



Heidi Hatcher
Glennallen Area Wildlife Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The department's July 2019 post-calving survey identified a minimum of 53,500 caribou for the Nelchina caribou herd. Approximately 35,850 caribou are adults and 17,650 are calves this year. To maintain the population objective of 35,000–40,000 Nelchina caribou, the department will be extending the season to allow for additional harvest.

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